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IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTION BEATS PLAN;  
BUILDING MATERIALS INDUSTRY EXPANDS

FIRST TWO WEEKS OF FIVE-YEAR PLAN -- Rude Pravo, No 14, 18 Jan 49

Completely satisfactory results of the Czech foundry industry were evident in the first 14 days of the Five-Year Plan:

	Pig Iron (in %)	Unfinished Steel (in %)
Spojene Ocelarny (United Steel Mills)	105.5	104.9
Vitkovice Ironworks	98.3	116.2
Benska a Rutni (Mining and Forging)	101.0	99.0
Total average	100.8	107.7

Our iron foundries in many places have achieved very good output. For example, Spojene Ocelarny in Kraluv Dvur show an output of 130.88 percent in the sintering plant for the first 10 days of the Five-Year Plan. The employees of the strip mill, as well as those of the finishing mill, exceeded their norm by 25 percent. This is a successful beginning for the Five-Year Plan.

JANUARY FOUNDRY PRODUCTION -- Rude Pravo, No 27, 2 Feb 49

The January plan for the production of pig iron was fulfilled 102.4 percent, and for the production of raw steel, 104.7 percent. The individual state enterprises fulfilled their January plan in both the above assignments as follows:

	Pig Iron (in %)	Raw Steel (in %)
Vitkovice Ironworks, Klement Gottwald Factories	100.4	105.5
Benska a Rutni (Mining and Forging)	102.4	100.2
Spojene Ocelarny (United Steel Mills)	106.8	109.8

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**STEEL PRODUCTION -- Rude Pravo, No 21, 26 Jan 49**

In the first 20 days of January, Czechoslovak foundries fulfilled their production plan as follows:

	<u>Pig Iron (in %)</u>	<u>Unfinished Steel (in %)</u>	<u>Rolled Distribution Goods (in %)</u>
Vitkovice Ironworks	98.8	110.7	105.5
Banska a Hutni (Mining and Forging)	101.9	96.9	101.2
Spojene Ocelarny (United Steel Mills)	107.2	107.5	100.7
Total	101.7	105.3	104.1

**FOUNDRY RESULTS -- Lidova Demokracie, No 10, 13 Jan 49**

The Czechoslovak Mines and Foundries state enterprise produced 45,314 tons of pig iron from 1 to 10 January, thereby exceeding its established plan by 1.5 percent. The Vitkovice Ironworks fulfilled its plan 99.3 percent; Banska a Hutni (Mining and Forging), 101.3 percent; and Spojene Ocelarny (United Steel Mills), 106.3 percent.

The production plan for unfinished steel in the first 10 days of January was fulfilled by the Vitkovice Ironworks 128.3 percent; Banska a Hutni, 99.6 percent; and Spojene Ocelarny, 106.1 percent. The figure for the Czechoslovak foundries as a whole is 112.6 percent.

**BLOCK MILL ACHIEVES RECORD PRODUCTION -- Rude Pravo, No 16, 20 Jan 49**

A record production was achieved by the employees of the block mill of the Konev Foundry on 18 January during the afternoon shift; 567 ingots were rolled. This is the highest production in this department, and exceeds the average daily production by 100-150 tons.

**NEW FURNACE FOR IRONWORKS -- Rude Pravo, No 37, 13 Feb 49**

The old steel plant of the Klement Gottwald Ironworks at Vitkovice has pledged that the new Siemens-Martin furnace No 4, will be completed by 14 March instead of 2 April so that March steel production will be increased by a thousand tons. The large and the small Mannesmann pipe plants, the copper refinery, the machinery plant, the power plant, the boiler factory, the rolling mill, and the coke ovens of the same ironworks have announced pledges for extra production beyond their obligations under the plan.

**AUTO FACTORY ADDS FURNACE -- Svobodne Slovo, No 28, 3 Feb 49**

On 31 January, a new casting furnace, with a capacity of 24-26 quintals of cast iron, was put into operation at the Kosmonosy branch of the Mlada Boleslav automobile factory. The new furnace will expedite the production of spare parts for the automobile industry. It was built entirely, even its delicate special parts, in the workshops of the Mlada Boleslav factory.

**SKODA FULFILLS JANUARY PLAN -- Rude Pravo, No 28, 3 Feb 49**

The Skoda Factories state enterprise have announced the fulfillment of their January plan by 101 percent.

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**INDUSTRIAL BUILDING IN SLOVAKIA BEHIND PLAN -- Svoobodne Slovo, No 28, 3 Feb 49**

According to a speech by Vice-Premier Viliam Sircky, the two-year plan for industrial building in Slovakia was not fulfilled.

Forty new Slovakian factories are now under construction, although there is a shortage of skilled labor.

Until August 1948, an average of 93 million crowns per month was spent on industrial building. Since that date, expenditures have been twice as great.

**NEW SLOVAK BRICK FACTORY -- Pravda, No 34, 10 Feb 49**

A new Dinas Brick factory is being built in the cadastral town of Banska Bela near Banska Stiavnica. The factory will have a productive capacity of 15,000 tons of Dinas bricks and profiled bricks, and 3,000 tons of Dinas meal annually. Raw materials will be obtained for processing from the Stanberg and Sobov quarries near Banska Bela. The factory together with the quarries will employ about 300 workers and officials.

**NEW SLOVAK BRICKYARD -- Pravda, No 9, 12 Jan 49**

On Saturday a new brickyard was opened at Vel'ke Janikovce. It was built by voluntary labor brigades.

**STONE AND CERAMICS EXCEED JANUARY PLAN -- Rude Pravo, No 28, 3 Feb 49**

The state quarry of the Czechoslovak State Railroads at Votice fulfilled its January plan 156 percent. The Marianska Skala stone quarry fulfilled its plan 356 percent in ordinary crushed rock, and 84 percent in gravel. The Smirkov Factories in Belohrad fulfilled their quota 83 percent.

In the production of lime, Kraluv Dvur fulfilled its plan 62.2 percent; Bercun, 247.5 percent. In refractory products, the Stankov factory of the Western Czech Kaolin and Magnesite Factories fulfilled its plan 135.3 percent.

The Rakovnik Ceramic Factories state enterprise fulfilled their plan 120.8 percent; in furnace ceramics 119.75 percent. The factory in Rovina, which fulfilled its plan 271.4 percent, and the factory in Dlabacov /unidentified place name/, which fulfilled its plan 224 percent, especially distinguished themselves.

The United Factories for Technical Porcelain fulfilled their production plan 101 percent. The outstanding factories were the ones in Louny, which fulfilled its plan 160 percent; the factory in As, 150 percent; in Tiefenbach, 113 percent; and in Stara Role, 108 percent.

**PLASTIC BUILDING MATERIAL FROM WOOD -- Rude Pravo, No 36, 12 Feb 49**

Wood-processing factories recently have begun to use wood scraps in the manufacture of plastics for use as building materials. Discarded twigs, chips, and bark are pulverized in drums, and the product is mixed with binders. The mixture is made into sheets up to 5 meters long, which are applied to the walls of buildings. When applied to another type of slab, they serve as insulating or sound-proofing material.

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The product manufactured at Turany nad Vahom is similar to heraclite. Shavings are mixed with a binder and pressed into sheets, which are used as building material. They provide good insulation from heat and sound when sheets 15-20 centimeters thick are applied to a wall 45-60 centimeters thick.

The "Drevounion" enterprise in Slovakia makes very durable plastics which can be used on foundations, as they are not affected by water. Large factories for the production of wood fiber sheets are being set up in Susice and Banska Bystrica.

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